METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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Fabian Bedne
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Jaquinton L Gleaves
Anne Barnett

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Sandra Sepulveda

Contract Compliance Board

Executive Director, Vacant

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Department of General Services
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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
5:05 P.M. CDT

Howard Office Building SWCR
700 Ronald Reagan Way
Nashville, TN 37219

Members Present:
Matthew Neal, Anne Barnett, Jaquinton Gleaves, Fabian Bedne, Dennis Rowland, and Alfredo Pena III

Absent:
Michael Iadevaia

Ex Officio Member:
CM Sandra Sepulveda

Attendees:
Derrick Smith, Attorney, Gerald Smith Sr, Director, General Services, Mike Leonard, Assistant Director, General Services, Sherlvon Brooks, Administrative Assistant, General Services

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Fabian Bedne at 5:05 PM.

2. Public Comment:

A public comment period was opened. Derrick Smith noted that a formal public comment policy will be developed for future meetings, in accordance with state law.

3. Disclosures:

Derrick Smith explained the requirement for board members to disclose any potential conflicts of interest related to Metro work. Anne Burnett disclosed a text conversation with Jaquinton Gleaves regarding a union book.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Nominations were solicited for Chair and Vice Chair. The following nominations were made and subsequently voted upon:

- **Chair:** Fabian Bedne

- **Vice Chair:** Jaquinton Gleaves

Both nominations passed unanimously.

5. Ethics Presentation:

Derrick Smith presented a legal overview of ethical considerations, conflict of interest, and disclosure requirements. Key discussion points included:

- The prohibition against accepting benefits related to board service.
- The importance of objectivity and impartiality in decision-making.
- The necessity of disclosing any potential conflicts of interest.
- The consequences of improper conduct.
- Guidelines for handling communications with staff, members, and the public.

6. Site Visits:

A discussion ensued about appropriate procedures for conducting site visits. Derrick Smith cautioned against members independently conducting site visits, emphasizing the potential for bias and the importance of using staff for investigations. It was agreed that a committee would be formed to develop protocols for future site visits.

7. Committee Formation:

A committee was formed to draft bylaws for the Compliance Board. Four members expressed interest in serving on this committee. A motion was made and passed to appoint a committee consisting of Anne Burnett, Jaquinton Gleaves and one additional member to be selected at a later date. (Missing the remaining members selected to serve).

8. Other Business:

- The Board voted to allow the Chair to attend the interview process for the Executive Director.
- The need to address the issue of translation services for the Board was raised. Director Smith agreed to report back to the Board as to the status of the request at its next meeting
- The Board agreed to hold monthly meetings going forward.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned